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SOURCE [REDACTED]Apetlon AAA Range.

1. On 10 July 1951, 14 armored vehicles, 6 were probably tanks and 8 SP guns, were seen near the Meierhof (dairy) at Apetlon (P 48/X 74). Local residents said that these vehicles had come from Bruck on the Leitha River (P 49/X 77) and Goetzendorf (P 49/X 57). On 12 July, [REDACTED] armored vehicles firing at a dummy tank, which was towed by a boat across Neusiedl Lake on a very long tow line. *

2. Between 10 and 13 July 1951, troops started AAA firing practice at a towed-sleeve target daily at 4 a.m. All approaches to Camp Apetlon were blocked.

3. A train with troops and materiel arrived at Wallern (P 48/X 84) at about 5:30 on 11 July, coming from Hungary via Hegyeshalom (P 48/Y 06). It consisted of 34 cars and carried about 25 officers, including a colonel; about 100 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 6 heavy AA guns; 13

4. Another train with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and materiel arrived at Wallern at about 2:30 p.m. on 13 July. According to a railroad official, it had come from Hungary. The train carried about 30 officers, including a lieutenant colonel; about 120 EM; 8 heavy AA guns; 1 ballistic director; 10 trucks; 1 field kitchen; and 1 jeep. Van-like

Bruck on the Leitha River.

5. On 10 July 1951, 6 SU-100 SP guns were seen in the garages southeast of the railroad station in Bruck (P 49/X 77) on the Leitha River. No activity was noticed at the tank firing range. Officers and EM entering and leaving

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the so-called new komendatura wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles seen there included [REDACTED] sedan [REDACTED], all of which were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Sentries at the komendatura wore black-bordered red epaulets.

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